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Covering free radio on FM, MW and SW.
 London, West Midlands, North/East Midlands, Yorkshire,
 Merseyside, and South Coast regions covered.

Features this month: Operation of a Country Pirate.

Editorial

First of all, we apologise that the magazine has been delayed so long, this has been due to various reasons.

We also regret that this issue is the last, and that "The Pirate File" is now closing. The reason for the closure is that the editor and printing press operator now have full time work, which takes us away from home for most of the week.

The subscribers should by now have been refunded of any money owed. The operators will continue to supply brief notes of radio activity in the North and West Midlands to any magazines which request said, and it is possible that ALP will be back in some reduced form during 1991.

In this last issue, we continue our usual standard of professionalism and in-depth coverage of the free radio scene.

This month's tape offer is of Radio Veronica 105.5 of Bradford, West Yorkshire.

NB This tape should not be ordered by those of a nervous disposition, and should not be played where children (or adults, for that matter!) may be listening.

Finally, have a merry Xmas and a happy new year. See you in 1991.

Anthony R. Gale.

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News

We start with a press release from RECC, raided Sunday 28/10/1990:

Radio East Coast Commercial was effectively raided by the DTI during last Sunday's broadcast on 6290 kHz in the 48 metre short wave band.

Luckily the raid failed and no-one was caught and no equipment was confiscated.

However, the DTI officers carrying out the raid attempted to persuade the Police to arrest an innocent person .. not connected with Radio East Coast Commercial .. on a non-radio related offence.

This manoeuvre occurred because that person just happened to be driving away from an area in the vicinity of the Radio East Coast Commercial transmission site when the DTI arrived.

In view of these events Radio East Coast Commercial unfortunately has decided to close down for good.

So there you have it. They will be sadly missed by many.

The DTI UK tour seems to have been out in force in early November 1990.

On Saturday 3/11/1990, Heatwave Community Radio of Nottingham were first to go at 0900. The raiding party then moved up to Sheffield, with Sheffield Community Radio raided at 1030.

West Yorkshire was next hit, with Jive FM of Huddersfield raided at 1100. 3 hours then passed (lunch break?) before Asian Air and Emergency were both raided at 1400 in Bradford. Asian Paradise Radio were missing at 1430, having switched off as a precaution, and returned that evening after moving location.

It is also probable that the DTI were out in force in the West Midlands on Tuesday 13/11/1990. Stations taken between 1900 and 2000 that day were PCRL, Power FM, Sangam Radio and Elite FM.

We understand that Chris Carey's Radio Nova International is now back, via the Astra satellite.

French border-blasters (if that is the right term!) Contact 94 have been told to lower their power by the French government. This could have disastrous implications for their reception in southern England and the Channel Islands.

The French state network is understood to have been testing a system whereby one FM station can occupy one FM frequency, no matter how many transmitters. This is apparently achieved by phasing the transmitters. The BBC is understood to be working on the system also. This can only be a move in the right direction, as it will allow more band space to be available for community radio etc.

Sky TV and BSB have now merged to form British Sky Broadcasting. This will be broadcast via both the Astra and BSB satellites until early next year, when it will be broadcast via Astra only.

On 5/11/1990, a court injunction was served on the 2 Birmingham stations Laser FM and Metro FM, stating that the next person caught in charge of the studio of either station will automatically be sentenced to jail. The last time this injunction was used was with Power House Radio, resulting in Albert E being jailed for 3 months.

SW station WFRL have announced that they will definitely NOT be closing in the new year, despite the forthcoming Broadcast Act.

A new "radio station on cassette" has now opened called Swinging Radio England. Richard Grahame is the main DJ, then 45 minutes featured of SRE from past, i.e. offshore, London, etc.

Classic Gold AM DJ Keith Skues, ex of offshore Radio London, has now been made redundant from the station. This is understood to be due to the takeover of the station by the Metro-Tees group.

The new BFBS station in the Gulf area, the scene of the Kuwait invasion, has been banned from broadcasting Christmas programming for fear of upsetting the Islamic fundamentalist Saudi Arabians. This has caused rather a storm of protest.

(Personally, the staff of ALP hope that they will open a SW service so that we can enjoy an alternative to the contrived Xmas garbage which will no-doubt be on most stations at the time).

VHF scanners and illegal receiving has recently been in the news yet again, this time with regard to people monitoring mobile phones. The obviously appalling security of these could have adverse implications for many radio pirates who use them.

In our opinion, the onus is on the phone companies (and others who suffer from unauthorised reception) to fit scramblers or other security devices. It's no use them whining for a clamp-down on illegal listening, as catching someone taking part in illegal reception is about as easy as catching a ~~fat~~ in a hurricane (as Charlie Wolf said during Eurosiege '85 about the DTI). This is also another good reason for the 2-way operators (faxis etc) still squatting on the broadcast band to move, and allow the 105-108 MHz area of the band to be used for broadcasting - after all, it's no use them squealing about illegal reception of signals which can be received on a £10 transistor radio!

On 3/12/1990 at 2000, BBC Radio 5 had on their regular radio adaptation of "Thunderbirds", the programme which featured the pirate satellite TV station with Rick O'Shea. Comments were made by Gerry Anderson about the offshore pirates of the 1960's, in particular Caroline.

Pirate radio also found its way recently onto the BBC children's programme Byker Grove (nothing to do with Mr. Mega Cycle!) The station in the story was called Radio Rocket, and closed following a DTI raid.

It is believed that, as of 11/1990, the DTI RIS have split from the DTI and are now part of the Radio Communications Agency.

Where Are They Now Dept.:

Peter Quinn, ex of Caroline, is now on the Southern Sound drive time show.

Dave Lee Stone, ex of Laser 558, is now running a jingle company.

Mikey Pea, ex of Birmingham station Fresh FM, is now on Buzz FM each Sunday from 1400 to 1800.

Skip Spot

Kiss FM 100.0 from London noted in the Black Country area on 31/11/1990 - phone number read out of 071 700 3100. Also possibly heard on 24/11 in Malvern area of Worcestershire.

Article 19

First letter this month is from Chris Coxey (now out of jail). The first 3 paragraphs are reproduced in full:

"I have just received my copy of the P.F. (issue 7) and have note (sic) the report about that nob at Chesterfield Hospital Radio saying that he will shop any illegal radio services to our friends at the D-I-I!!

"As a well known West Midlands pirate broadcaster I should like to back up the P.F. comment of why doesn't he just grow up - but the trouble is that he is just a stupid Radio 4 slob who knows nothing about the good work that all of us pirate broadcasters do! Anyway if he tries to grass up any of the West Midlands pirates he would find himself supporting part of the International Convention Centre when we gave him a free move INTO A VAT OF CONCRETE and I personally think that the Ex crews of W-B-M-X FM and Veronica FM would do the same if he grassed either of these stations up!!

"More to the point I am applying for a community radio licence for the Erdington constituency of Birmingham and I wouldn't dream of shopping any of my ex-pirate radio associates to the government."

Ex- pirate DJ Al Capone also has strong views on the subject (although not quite so strongly expressed). He says that this person "is an insult to hospital radio, and does nothing to dispel the myth among many people that hospital radio broadcasters are a bunch of boring old toads". He says that "the sooner the prat leaves Hady Radio the better, let him start his own station - then we can all have a laugh when it goes belly-up soon after broadcasts start!" I couldn't agree more. Al also wonders of said person has anything to do with the Family Broadcasting Company, saying that, if this is the case then "their tactics certainly link them to the type of Family you find in gangster movies". Well, you would know, wouldn't you Al?!

Al also has strong views on not strictly free radio matters, saying that "it is not just in the field of broadcasting that the law is an ass, made by" not very nice people. He says that he was "absolutely incensed" recently to read that someone local was given only a £50 fine for nicking a bike, but 2 other 16 year-olds were each fined £80 plus costs for under age drinking ("nothing more, nothing less"). He says that "with victimless crimes getting people hanged, drawn and quartered, and real criminals getting nothing more than a slap across the wrist, no wonder we are in the midst of a crime wave". He ends by saying that "either the 2 under-age drinkers should appeal to have their sentences reduced. Or the victim of the bike theft should appeal to have the bike thief's sentence increased. Or both."

Sadly this is not just a one-off, but is more like the tip of the iceberg. We understand that one person was given a conditional discharge for child molesting, then jailed under the Wireless Telegraphy Act. Well, we can't have menaces to society like pirate broadcasters on the loose, can we ...

Chasing Rainbows

To get on the air, you obviously need access to a transmitter. However, that does not necessarily mean that you need to own a transmitter.

One good route onto the air is by a relay service, who will broadcast your tapes. This can be apparently expensive, you can expect to pay around £5 per hour plus tape and postage costs. However, it does have advantages - no chance of you personally being caught operating the station being the main one. Also, you do not have the risk of setting up a studio in your own home, the cost of renting a studio, or the hassle of dragging car batteries etc. cross-country.

Since no broadcasting actually takes place from your own premises, in fact no illegal gear need be stored at your own premises, you can often get away with using your own address as a mail-drop (care must be taken, however, as you can still theoretically be busted for aiding-and-abetting).

One excellent relay service we can recommend is the Northern Ireland Relay Service. They can be contacted at:

105 Bushmills Road,
Coleraine,
Co. Derry,
Northern Ireland.

Cost is £5 per hour of broadcasting.

Other relay services include the Italian Radio Relay Service (no address available at this time).

Radio Waves International and Jolly Roger Radio may also be able to relay your programmes under certain conditions - write for details.

Most SW relay services will relay anything so long as it is not obscene (no swearing etc.) and not too political - rules which it would be wise to adopt on any station to reduce risk of a raid!

Other routes onto the air:

Jolly Roger Radio will broadcast any taped programmes sent in, provided of suitable quality (programming and technical). Write to JRR, PO Box 39, Waterford, Eire.

You may also know of other stations, SW, MW or FM, which will do relay services or otherwise take taped programming.

What a Country Pirate

In order to avoid being caught with a transmitter on your premises (especially if you live in an area with no squat-able premises...), it is often best to broadcast taped programming from somewhere out in the country. Hints on how to tape the programmes were dealt with last month ("Taped 'N' Direct"), this month we intend to concentrate on the transmission side of the operation.

The choice of site is important. It should be high up for FM, and "in the clear" regardless. It should also be somewhere where not many people are likely to go.

First thing you will need is a power source. Unfortunately they don't have 240V mains outlets in a field (and it would be bloody dangerous if they did!), so you will need to use batteries.

12V car batteries are best to power the TX, the size of the battery in Amperes depending on the power of the TX and the amount of time the TX will be broadcasting. If you intend to broadcast for more than about 5 hours at a time, it is best (if feasible) to take a spare car battery. And make sure that the battery is always charged prior to use.

For the tape player, a 6V motor-bike battery is best to use if possible.

In some cases, you may want to use gear which can only be run off 240V, although this is not advisable. If this is the case, you will need an inverter to transform 12V DC to 240V AC - these are, however, expensive (wrong side of £50) and will cause extra drain on the battery.

The antenna should be as high as possible - at least 10 feet above ground is recommended, even on high ground, to avoid too much power disappearing to the ground by capacitance losses.

For FM, the pole can be a number of wooden broom-handles or similar, held together using jubilee-clips and tin strips. It is imperative that this is fastened securely, preferably to a concrete fence post or similar.

For MW or SW, the antenna is usually a piece of wire cut to length and strung horizontally between 2 trees. This should not actually touch the tree, as this will earth too much of the signal - plastic insulating material, such as a clothes line, should be tied between the antenna wire and the supporting tree.

A radio (preferably digital) should be taken to monitor the broadcast, check the sound and frequency stability, and possibly test the range. Setting the initial volume may need to be done, and is best done into a dummy-load before the TX is connected to an antenna for optimum security.

All electrical equipment, especially the TX, must be protected from water. This may be achieved by having plastic bags above the gear for the water to run off, and the gear raised above ground with bricks or similar. Careful that the bags do not smother the heat sink and overheat the TX.

To protect yourself from rain as well as the gear, you may want to pitch a tent for the broadcast!

Transporting the gear is often a headache. You can carry it on foot, but only really feasible if you have someone to help you. The car battery and antenna poles alone are likely to weigh you down.

It is also advisable to have some transport in order to stop prats and saboteurs following you. Even if it is only a small push-bike, it can help in the transportation - a rack will be needed for the battery, the antenna poles will cause some headaches but may be transportable in a back-pack with careful packing.

If anyone does try following you in a car or on a bike, use smoke/flash bombs, "devil-bangers" or (as a very last resort) tacks and broken glass sprinkled behind you. NB This must only be done on a dirt-track, not on a main road.

Prevention, however, is often better than cure. It is best not to broadcast (in any sense of the word!) the TX site, or even the fact that you are involved with the station. Remember, public-nuisance morons are often a bigger threat than the DTI!

Finally, you must secure the gear. One possibility is to have someone watching from a distance, ready to grab the gear if the DTI or any other suspicious vehicle or person arrives, or to attack anyone else who attempts to mess with the gear. Chain the gear to something secure, eg a tree or fence post - bike chains and padlocks are ideal.

In case of a DTI raid, make sure that the gear cannot be identified as yours (especially if you have previously been finger printed by the Police). Clean the gear before use of any finger prints with alcohol (cleaning solution, not the type that gets you drunk!) or, in severe cases, sandpaper. Wear gloves when handling and setting up the gear, especially if operating a political pirata.

In case of theft, however, you may want the gear to be such that you, and only you, can positively ID it as yours. Scratching your initials in a pre-determined part is often the best way.

The same goes for the tapes - do not write on the labels (or stick them on) until you have finished with them from a broadcasting point of view. Typed labels are best.

Remember, some large stations started out as taped operators from a field - possibly the most famous being South West London's Radio Jackie, which went on to be a 24 hour 7 day operation before closing in 1985 to apply for a licence. It is also the most popular way of operating SW stations - examples include Radio East Coast Commercial and Britain Radio International.

Richard "Force Twelve" Gale, Radio Nemesis.

Adverts

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Birmingham Free Radio Update

Laser FM

Frequency: 92.0

Format: West Indian

Remarks: Noted from 20/11/1990, just before midnight, for the first time in ages.

Disappeared 21/11/1990 around 2045, mic-record.

Has now closed down, following a court injunction on 5/11/1990 that the next person busted in charge of their studio will automatically be sentenced to jail (same happened that day to Metro FM).

Metro FM

Frequency: 105.2 Stereo

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Address: c/o The Chart Shop,

Stratford Road,

Birmingham.

Remarks: Missing from Wednesday 31/10/1990.

Suffered a court injunction on 5/11, stating that the next person busted in charge of their studio will automatically be sentenced to jail (also see Laser FM).

Returned on Wednesday 7/11/1990, but had disappeared by 1945 due to their TX being stolen by thieves. At the same time, one of their DJs had a tyre slashed on their car.

Station then not heard again until Saturday 10/11/1990.

Closed down for good the following day.

Radio Millan

Frequency: 105.7

Format: Asian

Radio Millarpay

Frequency: 98.6

Remarks: Noted with test transmissions on 26/11, from 2145.

Neptune FM

Frequency: 102.0

Phone: 0860 759617

Remarks: Noted on Saturday 10/11/1990.

Noted evening of Friday 16/11, Saturday 17/11, afternoon of Sunday 18/11, and evening of Friday 23/11.

PCRL (Peoples' Community Radio Line)

Frequency: 103.5 Stereo

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Address: 151 Dudley Road,

Edgbaston,

Birmingham B18 7DY.

Phone: 0831 112822

Remarks: Raided on 12/11 at 1045, at 115 Alken House, Grove Lane, Smethwick.

75W TX and Dipole antenna taken.

Returned by 1830 that evening.

Missing around 1907 on Tuesday 13/11, possibly due to DTI.

On 18/11/1990, were raided at Alken House at 1835. 75W TX taken.

DTI raid took place on 23/11 at 1535. Main TX and 50W Lick TX taken.

Raided again on 25/11 at 1625, in Alken House. Just 25W TX taken.

In late November & early December, had drifted up slightly to 103.6.

Returned to 103.5 on Sunday 9/12/1990.

Power FM

Frequency: 101.8

Broadcast times: Daily

Address: c/o 536 Bristol Road,

Selly Oak,

Birmingham B29 6BQ.

Phone: 0831 576221

Remarks: First noted morning of Monday 5/11/1990.

Heard as far as Stransham services on M5 Motorway.

Fearures several DJs ex- of Laser FM and Metro FM.

Missing around 1908 on Tuesday 13/11, possibly due to DTI.

On Wednesday 14/11, were off air from 1900 to 2400, playing "cat and mouse" with the DTI.

Suffered a DTI raid on 23/11 at 0945. Raid took place in Croxall Tower, Windmill

Lane, Smethwick. 50W TX, dipole antenna, record decks and tapes confiscated.

Raided around 1628 on Tuesday 27/11 at Charles Spragg House, Windmill Lane,

Smethwick. Studio, antenna & 25W TX taken.

Not to return until Saturday 1/12.

Disappeared suddenly on Saturday 8/12 around 1402, to return the following afternoon.

Black Country Free Radio Update

Quest FM

Frequency: 100.0
Address: c/o 225A Lozells Road,
Birmingham,
Handsworth.

Remarks: Noted evenings of Friday 16/11, Saturday 17/11, & morning onwards of Sunday 18/11.
Disappeared at 1945 on Sunday 18/11.

Radio Sangam

Frequency: 89.9 Stereo
Format: Asian
Broadcast times: Daily
Address: PO Box 2064,
Camp Hill,
Birmingham B11 2QP.

Phone: 0860 604429
Remarks: On 13/11/1990, made a reference around 1800 to having a visitor - possibly the DTI.
Missing around 1909.
Suffered a DTI raid on 23/11 at around 1000. Took place at 115 Mill Tower (adjacent block to that used by Power FM). TX and record decks taken, antenna left on roof.
Took a DTI raid on 25/11 in the morning. 25W TX and slim jim antenna taken.
Raided by DTI on Wednesday 27/11 around 1315, at Coxall Tower, Windmill Lane, Snettistock. Complete studio raid, also 25W TX, stereo encoder & Discosone antenna taken.
Returned on Friday 29/11.
Noted from evening of Friday 7/12 on a second frequency of 100.9.
Missing totally on Wednesday 12/12/1990.

Sangam Radio

Frequency: 105.8
Format: Asian
Broadcast times: Daily
Address: 200 Bankes Road,
Small Heath,
Birmingham B10 9PJ.

Phone: 021 773 0342
Remarks: Missing on Thursday 1/11, Wednesday 7/11, Monday 19/11, Tuesday 20/11.
Since Thursday 22/11, has only been heard evenings of Tuesday 27/11, Wednesday 28/11, and Friday 7/12.

Starlight FM

Frequency: 101.5
Address: 12 Norwood Grove,
Hampstead Road,
Handsworth Road,
Birmingham.

Phone: 0860 392860

TX Site: Castle Vale.
Remarks: Noted evenings of Tuesday 6/11, Friday 9/11, Thursday 22/11, Friday 23/11.
DTI raid took place on Sunday 25/11 at 1425. Raid took place at 69 Bovington Tower, Yatebury Avenue, Castle Vale. 25W TX and dipole antenna taken.
Also noted Thursday 29/11.

From evening of Friday 30/11, was heard daily until evening of Friday 7/12.

Sweet FM

Frequency: 101.2
Format: dance, indie.
Phone: 0836 504508
TX Site: Vallant House,
Yatebury Avenue,
Castle Vale.

Remarks: Noted morning of Sunday 25/11.

WKR5

Frequency: 100.0
Broadcast times: Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
Phone: 0831 296470
Remarks: Not noted in December 1990.

WT5C

New station was due on-air 1st weekend in November, but was abandoned due to various reasons.

It is possible that the DTI raided PCRL, Power FM and Sangam Radio in the evening of Tuesday 13/11 - all were missing around 1908.

All Babar Radio

Frequency: 105.6
Format: Asian
Remarks: Noted evenings of 16/11/1990, 24/11/1990, 27/11/1990.
Possibly noted evening of 28/11/1990.

Crystal FM

Frequency: 98.4
Remarks: Noted Saturday 3/11/1990 & Sunday 4/11/1990.
Appears to be an offshoot of Freedom FM

Elite FM

Frequency: 100.2
Address: c/o 21 Aston Road,
Dudley,
West Midlands DY2 8XR.
Phone: 0860 228070
Broadcast times: Daily
Remarks: Raided on Tuesday 13/11 at 1840, in Romsey Court, Dudley Road, Dudley. TX and slim jim antenna taken.
Not heard since.

Energy FM

Frequency: 101.3
Remarks: Planned a return on morning of Sunday 11/11, but TX gear and studio was apparently ripped down and destroyed.
Noted evenings of Monday 12/11, Thursday 15/11, Saturday 17/11.
On afternoon of Sunday 18/11, were noted from afternoon until 2145 when they disappeared.
Also noted evening of Monday 19/11, and Saturday 1/12.
Was also heard from Friday 7/12 evening to Sunday 9/12.
Noted evenings of Tuesday 11/12, Thursday 13/12, Saturday 15/12 and Sunday 16/12.

Exile FM

Frequency: 100.5
Broadcast times: Daily
Address: c/o 178 Mount Pleasant,
Kingswinford,
Dudley,
West Midlands DY6 9SM.
Remarks: Not heard after raid in late October until evening of Thursday 8/11.
Then heard until Thursday 20/11/1990.
Raided on Friday 21/11 at 2045, in St. John's Court, Chapple Street, Briarley Hill. TX and antenna taken.
May have been noted testing on afternoon of Saturday 24/11, with continuous music, and on Saturday 1/12.
Definitely heard testing on Sunday 2/12.
Broadcasts took place on evenings of Monday 10/12 and Tuesday 11/12, Saturday 15/12 and Sunday 16/12.

Fantasy FM

Frequency: 98.6 stereo
TX Site: Wednesfield, Wolverhampton
Format: West Indian
Remarks: First noted 4/11, using 15W Veronica Electronics TX.
Announced broadcast times of 1900 Friday evening to 0200 Monday morning.

Noted evening of Wednesday 7/11/1990 on 105.9.
Noted back on normal frequency 9/11, 11/11, 15/11 and 17/11.

FCR FM (Freedom Community Radio)

Frequency: 102.2
Address: FCR Broadcasting Ltd.,
c/o Cradley House,
High Street,
Kinver,

West Midlands DY7 6HL.

Phone: 0384 283161

Broadcast times: Daily

Remarks: Noted with tests on evening of Friday 23/11 - believed to be new name for Freedom FM.

Noted since Saturday 24/11.

Test broadcast took place on afternoon of Sunday 9/12, heard daily since.

Missing on Thursday 13/12/1990.

Freedom FM

Frequency: 102.0

Broadcast times: Daily

Phone: 0360 791359

Remarks: Took a DTL raid on Tuesday 13/11 at 1810. Raid took place on 7th floor, Bodmin Court, Chapple Street, Briarley Hill. Complete studio raid, also 10W TX and dipole antenna taken. Believed to have changed its name to FCR FM, possibly having teamed up with some other operators.

Frequency 101

Frequency: 101.0

Phone: 0384 296762

Remarks: Noted evenings of Sunday 25/11 and Monday 26/11.

Lethal FM

Frequency: 95.1

TX Site: Wolverhampton area.

Phone: 0384 287363

Remarks: Noted on evenings of Saturday 24/11 to Monday 26/11, Saturday 8/12, Sunday 9/12, and evening of Sunday 16/12.

Odyssey Radio

Frequency: 107.2

Remarks: Noted evenings of Monday 29/10, Tuesday 30/10 and Thursday 1/11.

Rava FM

Frequency: 105.2

Phone: 0860 795387

Remarks: Noted evenings of Thursday 13/12 to Sunday 16/12.

Skyline Radio

Frequency: 94.2

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: Daily

TX Site: Wolverhampton

Phone: 0831 140592

SOS Radio (Sound Of Sandwell)

Frequency: 106.1

Phone: 021 544 8568

Remarks: Noted broadcasting old tapes of Power House Radio on Sunday 18/11, Monday 19/11 and Sunday 25/11.

Also noted with continuous music on Sunday 2/12, Wednesday 5/12, Friday 7/12 and Saturday 8/12.

Suzie FM

Frequency: 100.9

Remarks: Noted Saturday 10/11/1990, afternoon & early evening.

UK Radio

Frequency: 99.1

Address: PO Box 1280,

Rednal,

Birmingham B45 8SQ.

Broadcast times: Sunday evenings.

Remarks: Returned on evening of Sunday 4/11, initially with test transmissions featuring an aircheck of the Voice Of Pasca. Full programmes commenced at 2000.

Drifted to 99.1 from initial frequency of 99.3. Announced as 99.6.

Suffered TX drift problems.

Took a DTL raid on 25/11/1990, at 2045. DTL raided 89 Byron House, Severn Road, Colley Gate.

Studio raid, also 25W TX and dipole antenna taken.

WR (Wrakin Radio) - The Hot FM

Frequency: 105.7

Broadcast times: Monthly, on a Sunday

TX Site: Telford, Shropshire

Address: 51 Eastwood Boulevard,

Westcliff On Sea,

Essex SS0 0DY.

Remarks: Noted on Sunday 25/11/1990.

UNID noted on 101.5 on evening of Wednesday 31/10/1990.

On evening of Tuesday 6/11, UNID noted on 101.4. Record introductions but no station ID heard. Phone number of 021 503 0521 noted.

UNID noted on 101.4 on evening of Sunday 25/11, still with continuous music but this time with phone number of 0902 340081.

UNID noted on 100.5 on Saturday 1/12 with continuous music - possibly a test for Exile FM.

On Saturday 1/12 and Sunday 2/12, a UNID was noted with continuous music on around 106.1. Noted 1/12 around 1657, and on 2/12 from 2104 drifting slightly up the band.

On Tuesday 13/11, Wayne Logan (real name Wayne Lancaster) appeared at Warley Magistrates Court, Oldbury. He pleaded guilty to operating a radio station without a licence, relating to the final bust in June this year of Power House Radio. He was fined £500 with £500 costs.

On 30/11, 3 Freedom FM DJs appeared at Warley Magistrates Court to face charges relating to 3 different raids from 1990. Craig Benson was given 3 months imprisonment suspended for 12 months, for owning equipment used for transmitting without a licence. DJs Tennants and Jensen pleaded not guilty, and had their cases adjourned until 14/1/1991 and 14/3/1991.

Marseyside Free Radio Update

Radio Atlantis

Frequency: 1197 MW

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Format: Mostly music

Address: 1 Yew Tree Lane,
West Derby,
Liverpool L12 9HG.

Remarks: On Monday 22/10, at 1343, the station was putting out a very weak and extremely distorted relay of BBC Radio Lancashire programming. The TX was switched off at 1359.

On Thursday 25/10, at 2124, a relay of one of the emergency FM frequencies was broadcast for about 10 minutes. Fault was never found.

On Saturday 27/10, an announced closedown was made for a few minutes at 1627 for technical adjustments. Returned with same tape as before.

On Monday 29/10, station had left the air by 1300. Carrier had returned, un-modulated, by 1945.

On Sunday 4/11, station closed at 1500. Announced that station would be back on-air following day at 0900. Steve said that the DTI had been seen outside their studio earlier in the week and that they had moved location. He mentioned a return to FM in the following 2 weeks, but not on their normal frequency.

No mention was made of a raid, but Steve made many comments of the new studio and of him having problems getting used to the new controls.

Fox FM

Frequency: 100.8

Address: 2 Sandy Mount Drive,
Bebington,
Wirral,
Marseyside L63 3DA.

Remarks: On-air Tuesday 16/10 from 2030, Thursday 18/10 from 1945, and Saturday 20/10 from 2135.

Signal in the Liscard area is weak.

Possibly closed in early December as station owner, Dave Moore, was heard that night on North Coast Radio.

Laser FM

Frequency: 105.5

Remarks: Noted Wednesday 17/10 from 1847. Laser Hot Hits jingles, also the "Laser Is Back" trailer were aired. Signal was much stronger than when the station was last heard 12 months ago.

North Coast Radio

Frequency: 1350 MW, 100.5 FM
Broadcast times: Saturdays & Sundays
Address: 10 Braid Street,
Birkenhead,
Merseyside L41 4JX.

Remarks: On opening his show on Sunday 21/10/1990, Tony Hollis announced that this could well be his very last show for NCR. At 2127, Roy said that the "owners & management" of the station had decided to close the station after the following weekend's broadcast. He went on to say that, to that time, over that weekend period they had received 260 phone calls. If another 50 were received before close down, then the "management" would agree to a "buy out" of the station by the DJs. He also said that he would keep the station on-air all night if that was as long as it took to get the required number of calls. From then on, the calls came in thick and fast.

Station WAS heard the following weekend, on both 1350 and their new FM frequency of 100.5. More FM power was promised for the following weekend.

On Saturday 3/11, came on-air at 1241, on MW only. Modulation intermittent and station was on and off-air for some time.

Both frequencies returned at 1539 with ear-splitting howls, and the technical problems were not fully sorted out until 2138.

Toxteth Community Radio

Frequency: 104.9
Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day
Format: West Indian
Address: Reaction Records,
43 Hardman Street,
Liverpool L1 9AS.

Remarks: On Thursday 1/11/1990, carrier returned at 0927 with continuous music following a minute later.
Were off-air altogether on Friday 2/11 and Saturday 3/11, possibly due to the DTI.
Returned Sunday 4/11 by 1433. Continuous music noted until 1433, when a new DJ was heard.

UNID noted on 101.0 on Monday 15/10 from 2020, broadcasting non stop music.
Also noted Wednesday 17/10 from 2000, relaying the soundtrack of the film Robocop, which was being broadcast by Sky Movies.
On Monday 22/10 from 2125, and Tuesday 23/10 from 2125, the station was noted with continuous music.

On Sunday 4/11, station noted from 1333 with continuous music and Radio Nova IDs. Had left the air 5 minutes later.

UNID noted on 101.5 on Thursday 25/10 from 1942 with continuous music.

Also noted Sunday 28/10 from 2244 to 2320, with very intermittent modulation.

DTI were thought to have been active during the final week of October, into the 1st week of November. However, the stations are understood to have given out so little information that it was difficult to be sure of what happened.

London Pirate Radio Update

Classic Rock FM

Frequency: 101.0
Format: Rock
Broadcast times: Wednesdays 2000 onwards
Remarks: Will be closing at the end of the year.

Stuch FM

Frequency: 104.2
Format: West Indian
Address: 70 Shelley House,
Churchill Gardens Estate,
London SW1.
Phone: 0941 102 979
0831 351 557
081 659 2453 (advertising hotline)
0836 235 393 (advertising hotline)
Remarks: Are looking for DJs - send in demo tape (pref C90, TDK) to DJ Split.
DJs Mark Anthony and Cookie feature at a Revival Soul & Lovers Affair each Tuesday at the Coach & Horses, 107-109 Black Heath Road, London SE10.

Sunrise FM

Frequency: 88.8
Format: West Indian
Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day
Phone: 0360 278 771
Remarks: DJs include Andy "Milk Tray" M.
One Saturday night in late November, a dedication was sent out to the people involved with Pulse FM.
Suffered a raid during the 1st week of December 1990.

Twilight FM

Frequency: 91.7
Broadcast times: Weekends
Remarks: DJ Selector C is at the Coach & Horses each Tuesday night (see Stuch FM).

Raids took place on numerous stations during the 1st week of December 1990, including Supreme, Sunrise and Power Jam 91.9.

Other stations on-air in London include Elite FM 97.7 (weekends), SLR 99.7 (24 hour 7 day) and WLJB. The latter are understood to have been suffering from link problems.

Early in December 1990, a station was ready to set up called Bassline FM. They set up their studio in a squatted council flat, including the link TX, but did not switch on. They then left the studio for 45 minutes to set up the main TX and link RX.

On returning to the studio, they found a steel floor on the flat - it had been repossessed by the council. On contacting the council, they soon got everything back except the link TX (the council did not know what it was).

To recover this, they were sent to a room where the council test electrical gear. On arrival there, they found the gear guarded by a man, who turned out to be from the DTI. After being asked several questions, they left without the link TX.

South Coast Free Radio Update

Radio Caroline

Frequency: 819 MW
Broadcast times: Daily, 1800 onwards
TX Site: MV Ross Revenge, North Sea
Remarks: Signal was very weak.
Has now closed, crew having apparently abandoned ship and been rescued by a Sea King Helicopter.
Plan to return by linking up with the MV Sarah, and splitting into UK and US divisions (see end of SW section).

Delta Force FM

Frequency: 107.0
TX Site: Portsmouth
Format: House, hip hop, rap

Radio Eclipse

Frequency: 101.8
Remarks: Station is based in Essex, but was heard in Portsmouth on 17/10/1990.
Believed to have been broadcast via a local TX, but apparently NOT that of KING Radio.

KING Radio

Frequency: 101.7
TX Site: Portsmouth
Broadcast times: Saturdays & Sundays
Format: Oldies

Radio Victory

Frequency: 105.6
TX Site: Portsmouth area
Remarks: Promotional sheets give frequency of 105.2. These sheets not only use the logo of the old ILR station of the same name, but also re-print its coverage map, believed to be from the old IBA publication Television And Radio.

WNKR

Frequency: 91.8
TX Site: North Kent
Remarks: Hope to be on-air from 29/12/1990 at 0000 to 2/1/1991 at 0000.
Hope also to have SW frequencies of 6, 7, 9, 15 and 25 MHz.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

AC BC

Frequency: 6274
TX Site: Northern Ireland
Address: 105 Bushmills Road, Coleraine,
Co. Derry,
Northern Ireland.
Remarks: Noted 25/12/1990 from 1210.
Broadcast via NIRS.
Advert heard for advertising on AC BC Radio.

Radio Atlanta

Frequency: 6210, 6275, 6290
Address: 23 South Blackwood, Edinburgh EH12 5TR.
Remarks: On-air morning & afternoon of Sunday 4/11/1990 on 6290.
Noted on 6210 and 6275 on Sunday 16/12 from 1113.

Radio Atlantic World Radio Service

Frequency: 6400
Remarks: Noted Sunday 18/11, around 1235.

Radio Atlantis

Frequency: 6220
Format: More chat, less music
Address: PO Box 220342,
D-5600 Wuppertal 22,
Germany.
Phone: 0580 752 406
Remarks: Noted Sunday 9/12 on 6205, from 1036.
Made final broadcast in late December 1990, before closing due to Broadcast Act.

Radio Brigitte

Frequency: 7480, 7490
Remarks: Noted Sunday 25/11 on 7490, around 1015.
On Sunday 16/12, were noted on 7480 from 0904.

Britain Radio International

Frequency: 6232
Format: Music & free radio info.
Broadcast times: 2nd & 4th Sunday of month, 1000-1400
Address: 32 Victoria Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
Remarks: Made a one-off broadcast on Xmas Day 25/12/1990, also on Boxing Day 26/12/1990.

Radio Carion Wave

Frequency: 6220, 6309
Remarks: Noted Sunday 4/11/1990 on 6309, and Sunday 2/12/1990 on 6220 from 1030.

Radio Confusion International

Frequency: 6308
Address: 32 Victoria Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire SP1 3UB.
Remarks: Noted Saturday 24/11/1990, around 1200.
On-air Boxing Day 26/12/1990.

Radio DX-34

Frequency: 7440, 11400
Remarks: Heard on both frequencies on Sunday 16/12 from 0900, via RWL.

Radio East Coast Commercial

Frequency: 6230
Remarks: Made a test broadcast on Saturday 8/12 around 1122, to check that their gear was still working following the DTI raid.
Have no plans to resume broadcasting, but there is a very remote possibility that one final nostalgia broadcast may take place on Xmas Day.

Radio East Coast Holland

Noted taking part in a QSO on 6315 on Sunday 16/12 around 1528.

Radio Equinox International

Frequency: 7440, 11400
Remarks: Noted Sunday 11/11/1990 on 11400 from 0810, via RWL.
Noted Sunday 2/12/1990 on 7440 from 0842, also via RWL.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

European Christian Radio

Frequency: 6210
Address: ECR,
Postfach 500,
A-2345 Brunn,
Austria.

Radio 48

Frequency: 6200, 6220, 6310
Remarks: Noted Sunday 27/12/1990 on 6310, around 1203.
Made its final broadcast on Sunday 16/12 on all frequencies.
Has now closed down due to the Broadcast Act.

FreeSound Radio International

Frequency: 6200
Broadcast times: 2nd Saturday & 4th Sunday of month
Address: 32 Victoria Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

FRS Holland

Frequency: 45m. & 41m bands
Address: PO Box 2727,
ZG Harten,
Holland.

Remarks: Noted on Sunday 3/12, from 0906.

Radio Galaxy International

Frequency: 6240
TX Site: Essex
Address: 18 Kilverdon Road,
Tollshunt D'Arcy,
Essex.

Phone: 0634 573500

Broadcast times: Friday evening, Saturdays & Sundays, morning to late afternoon.

Remarks: On Saturday 3/11/1990, was mentioned that the station intended to broadcast every weekday from 1800 to 0500, in addition to their weekend schedule.
Left air for a while in early November, looking for a new studio due to a security breach at their old studio.

Radio Gemini

Frequency: 6220
Remarks: Noted Sunday 28/10 from 1000 - 18th birthday broadcast.
Same programming noted on Sunday 4/11/1990.

Radio Gloria International

Frequency: 6210
Remarks: Noted Sunday 11/11 around 1230, with a test broadcast.

Jolly Roger Radio

Frequency: 6230
TX Site: Waterford, Eire.
Broadcast times: Weekends, mostly Sundays.
Address: PO Box 39,
Waterford,
Eire.

Live Wire Radio

Frequency: 6320
Address: 21 Green Park,
Bath,
Avon.

Remarks: Noted on Sunday 11/11/1990 on 6310 around 1154, 6317 around 1225, 6242 around 1230.
Also noted that day around 1345, taking part in a QSO on 6320.
Noted on 25/12/1990 from 1125, on 6220.

Radio Marabu International

Frequency: 7485
Remarks: Noted Sunday 11/11/1990 from 0911.

Radio Mayday

Frequency: 11400
Remarks: Probably noted on Sunday 9/12 from 0844 to 0850, via RWI.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

Midlands Music Radio

Frequency: 6208
Address: c/o 135 Barkes Drive,
Norton,
Stoke On Trent,
Staffordshire,
ST6 8EX.

Remarks: Noted on Sunday 11/11/1990 from 0834.
Noted on Sunday 25/11/1990 from 0821.

NIRS (Northern Ireland Relay Service)

Frequency: 6273
TX Site: Northern Ireland

Radio Nova International

Frequency: 6273
Remarks: Chris Carey's satellite service on Astra, relayed via NIRS.

Radio Oran Utan

Frequency: 6206
Remarks: Noted morning of Sunday 23/12/1990 till 1100.
Sawara interference noted from regular 2-second trumpet bursts towards end of broadcast - understood to be due to Radio Freedom International (Scotland), who have suffered regular interference from Oran Utan.

Radio Orion

Frequency: 6290
TX Site: West Midlands
Broadcast times: Sundays & most Saturdays
Format: Rock
Address: PO Box 1280,
Radnal,
Birmingham.

Remarks: In afternoon of Sunday 4/11, were noted on 6234.
On Sunday 11/11, were noted on both 6290 and 25920, as Radio Orion International.
Latter frequency still in use at 2036.
Also noted on 25920 on Sunday 9/12 from 1750.
On-air 25/12/1990, mentioned a 25 MHz frequency. Later that day heard with a relay of West Midlands station UK Radio, until well into the afternoon.
Noted on 26/12/1990.

Ozone Radio International

Frequency: 6280
TX Site: Eire
Broadcast times: Sundays
Address: 32 Victoria Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

Radio Pamela International

Frequency: 6300
TX Site: Gillingham, Kent
Address: 131 Napier Road,
Gillingham,
Kent ME7 4HH.

Phone: Madway 573500
Remarks: Made a test on Saturday 3/11/1990 around 1230.
Made another test on Sunday 4/11/1990 on 6210, around 1240 - mentioned were using Radio Tina's crystal, due to having had their own raided in mid-October 1990.
On-air Saturday 11/12/1990, around 1206.
Possibly noted testing Saturday 15/12 from 1123, definitely noted Sunday 16/12 from 1122.
Broadcast on 25/12/1990.

PEBS

Frequency: 15950
Remarks: Noted 26/12/1990 in afternoon. Relayed Weekend Music Radio for a time.

Rocket 48

Frequency: 6240
Remarks: Noted morning & early afternoon of Boxing Day 26/12/1990.

Southern Music Radio

Frequency: 7440
Remarks: Noted on Sunday 11/11/1990, via RWI.

Star Club Radio

Thought to have been heard on 6315 on Sunday 25/11, around 0955.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

Station Sierra Sierra

Frequency: 6300
Remarks: Noted on Sunday 25/11 around 1100, with a test broadcast.

Radio Stella International

Frequency: 6320
Broadcast times: Sunday mornings, 0000-1100
Address: 23 South Beachwood,
Edinburgh EH12 5YR.

Radio Titanic International

Frequency: 7440
Address: PO Box 19074,
35010B Utrecht,
Holland.

Radio Tonair International

Frequency: 6205
Remarks: Noted on Sunday 25/11 around 1125, with a test broadcast.

Total Control Radio

Frequency: 6243
Remarks: Noted Sunday 18/11 around 1200.

Voice Of Europa

Frequency: 7540
TX Site: Italy
Broadcast times: Daily
Address: PO Box 22,
Portonoma,
Italy.

Remarks: Noted off-air towards late December 1990.

Voice Of Lova

Frequency: 6200
Remarks: Noted Saturday 3/11 from 1225.

Voice Of The Netherlands

Frequency: 6205, 6285
Address: Box 669,
7900 AR Hoogeveen,
Holland.

Remarks: Noted on Sunday 4/11 from 1500, on 6285.

Noted Sunday 2/12 from 1205, on 6205, with a short test broadcast.
Took part in a QSO on 6315 on Sunday 16/12 around 1534.

Radio Waves International

Frequency: 7440, 11400.
Broadcast times: Sundays
Remarks: On Sunday 4/11/1990, were heard from 1152 on 6230 via JRR.

WBWX

Frequency: 6273
TX Site: Northern Ireland
Address: 17 Barborough Road,
Clowna,
Nr. Chesterfield,
Derbyshire,
S43 4RA.

Remarks: Made its last broadcast at 0300 on Sunday 11/11/1990, via the NIRS.

WERL (Wonderful Free Radio London)

Frequency: 6275
Broadcast times: Sundays
Address: 28 Stowling Road,
Orpington,
Kent.

Remarks: Will definitely not be closing at the end of 1990, despite the Broadcasting Act.
Noted on Sunday 16/12 on 6316, from 1100.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

WMR (Weekend Music Radio)

Frequency: 48m
TX Site: North East Scotland
Address: 23 South Beachwood,
Edinburgh EH12 5YR.

Phone: 0225 444 868 (25/12/1990)

Remarks: Noted Sunday 16/12 from 1435 on 6205.
Took part in a QSO around 1532 on 6319, and around 1536 on 6316.

During the QSOs, the station made a reference to another station called

Radio Needle Matar.

On-air 25/12/1990 on 6240 from 1125, with much free radio info and on-air phone calls. Mentioned that 100W power was used.
Noted on 26/12/1990 on 6285. Is understood that were relayed for a time by PFBS on 15050. Also mentioned an FM frequency of 103.7.
Also noted on 6235 from 1455, believed to be relayed by a Continental (French language) station.

WKR Radio International

Frequency: 6316
Address: c/o 144 Tennyson Road,
Castle Ridge,
Stafford,
ST17 8SZ.

Phone: 081 302 7931

Remarks: Noted Sunday 18/11, around 1020.
Noted Sunday 2/12 from 1004, and Sunday 9/12 from 1019.

World Communication Service

Frequency: 7440, 11400
Remarks: Noted on Sunday 4/11/1990, via Radio Waves International, on 7440 and 11400.
Only noted on 11400 on Sunday 11/11.

Radio Zodiac

Frequency: 6205
Remarks: Noted Sunday 16/12 around 1446, taking part in a QSO.
Operator was Bruce Wayne.

UNID noted most Sunday afternoons on 6241, from Rotterdam in Holland, which causes severe reception problems to Galaxy.

On Sunday 4/11/1990, a QSO was noted on 6210, 6280 and 6285 around 1530. Stations involved include Pamela, Delta, Alpha 1 (alias Atlanta Radio), VOTN, Radio Blond Train Driver (D), Papa Romeo 1 (possibly PFBS).

Sunday 11/11/1990:

QSO noted on 6210 around 1330.

UNID noted on 6240 around 1047; with continuous music.

On Saturday 17/11, a UNID was noted on 6205 around 1045.

Sunday 18/11/1990

UNID noted on 6215 around 1115.

UNID noted on 7558 around 1130, with continuous music.

UNID noted on 6303 around 1245.

UNID noted on 6318 around 1255, playing Carolina tapes.

UNIDs noted on 6205 around 1351, and on 6300 around 1358.

UNID noted on 11920 from 1700 to 2000. English rock & pop, and occasional jingles heard. Announcements in English, Dutch & German.

Short Wave Free Radio Update

Sunday 25/11/1990

UNID noted on 6230 around 0822, playing Caroline nostalgia and with announcements of "This is the Ross Revenge & the Captain speaking".

UNID noted on 6240 around 0910, playing extracts from former Dutch offshore stations including Radio MI Anigo and Radio Veronica.

UNID noted on 6400 around 1403.

Sunday 16/12/1990

UNID noted on 6285 from 1104.

UNID noted taking part in a QSO on 6212 around 1444.

A new station, Worldwide Radio London, is planning to commence broadcasts early next year using the TX facilities of WWCR in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Contact address is as follows:

Radion Sales Ltd.,
28 East Point,
Avondale Square,
London,
SE1 5NS.

The new Radion Sales organisation would particularly like to hear from potential advertisers.

On Sunday 16/12, WFLR were telling the sad but apparently true story of the close-down of Caroline from the Ross Revenge. Andy Walker mentioned that the crew have abandoned ship, batin rescued by a Sea King helicopter.

Plans are afoot to link up with the MW Sarah, now re-named the MW Liberty, to form links between 2 new Radio Caroline groups: Radio Caroline UK Ltd and Radio Caroline US Inc.

Contact address for Radio Caroline UK Ltd is: 296 Holloway Road, Archway, London N7 6NU.

Fax for Radio Caroline UK Ltd is 081 509 0729.

Radio Caroline UK Infoline is 0836 404575 and 0836 404505.

Dutch MW Free Radio Update

Radio Armada

Frequency: 1618

Remarks: Noted 10/10/1990, from 2250 to 2308.

Also noted 13/10/1990 from 0058 to 0104.

Radio Pelikan

Frequency: 1622

Remarks: Noted 10/10/1990, 2320 to 2330.

Radio Tidabraker

Frequency: 1619

Remarks: Noted 24/10/1990, 0019-0040

UNID noted evening of 1/11/1990 on 1622, believed to be from Rotterdam. Format was Dutch "clog dance" music.

Apologies for any wrong names etc, as all are in foreign languages and therefore very difficult to ID lat alone spall correctly !

We Love The Pirate Stations
Originally done by The Roaring Sixties, lyrics printed are for
Trinity's version.

INTRO (spoken):

Honey ..., Remember ..., Lying on the beach in the sun,
Listening to the radio ...
Great sounds they used to play.

CHORUS:

We love the Pirate Stations (x3)
Don't let them take them away (x2)

VERSE 1:

When you're walking down the street with your transistor radio
Everybody has a good time.
You can dance to the beat of the transistor radio
Even when the sun don't shine.
You can hear your favourite Rock 'N' Roll,
Rhythm 'N' Blues & a lot of soul.

CHORUS:

VERSE 2:

There's some swingin' DJs playing Top 40 records
That'll really turn you on.
Now the government's trying to close down the stations.
What'll happen when they are gone?
You won't hear the music that you like
Any old time of the day or night.

CHORUS:

INSTRUMENTAL BREAK.

CHORUS to fade.

Now you can annoy everybody by singing along to this at parties etc.

Centre Radio

Frequency: 105.7
Format: Pop & rock
TX Site: Nottingham
Broadcast times: Sundays 1500-1800
Remarks: On 4/11/1990, did not start broadcasting until 1900.
Missing from late November 1990, to return on 16/12 at 1500.

FLM (Fun Loving Music)

Frequency: 102.0 Stereo
Format: Dance music
TX Site: Mansfield (?)
Remarks: Noted back on-air on Sunday 2/12 at 1930. Tony Allen heard with
his "Rock Show".
TX suddenly went off in middle of programme.
Station not heard since.

FM 101.7 (?)

Frequency: 101.8 Stereo
TX Site: Nottingham
Format: House/rap
Remarks: First noted around 9/12/1990.
Noted fairly frequently with programming during afternoons &
evenings, and dead carrier at other times of day.
Attempting to operate daily.
Sometimes suffers from overmodulation.

Hastings Community Radio

Frequency: 98.6 Stereo
Format: West Indian
TX Site: Nottingham
Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day
Phone: 0831 256 950
Remarks: Took a DTI raid on Saturday 3/11/1990 at 0900.
Returned mid-November 1990.

North Midlands Radio

Frequency: 100.7
TX Site: North Derbyshire
Format: Pop
Broadcast times: Sunday evenings
Remarks: Noted with reduced power on evening of Sunday 11/11/1990.
On 23/12, a show was heard by Dave Gregory who used to be involved
with a Radio Atlantis in the North Midlands.
It was mentioned that they will be on-air on Friday 28/12, with
part 2 of the Dave Gregory show.

Power Radio

Frequency: 101.8
TX Site: Leicester
Format: West Indian

South Yorks and Humberside Free Radio Update

Power 99

Frequency: 99.2
TX Site: Derby
Format: Rock & specialist music
Broadcast times: Sundays & various evenings
Remarks: Sunday schedule as follows: 1700 Paddy Muginty's "Rock Show"
2100 Andy Hall
Thursday schedule as follows: 1800 Bass Line Smith
"Radical Ravers" show
2100 Soul Syndicate

Power 101

Frequency: 101.0
Format: West Indian
TX Site: Derby (?)

Robin Hood "Outlawed" Radio

Frequency: 100.0
TX Site: Nottinghamshire
Format: Oldies, pop, rock
Broadcast times: Sundays 1200-1500
Address: c/o 35 Malton Road,
West Bridgford,
Nottingham NG2 7NE.
Phone: 0860 479341
Remarks: Have not been heard in November or December 1990.

Satellite News

B Sky B (the merged BSB and Sky TV) will be on both Astra and Marcopolo (the old BSB satellite) until early 1992, it has been decided.

The satellite station Radio Nova International is set to broadcast on a sub-carrier for the WHS Lifestyle TV channel on Astra. It will broadcast daily from 0500 to 2100 - between 2100 and 0500, the scrambled Club Music service will be providing non-stop dance music to subscribing discos. It is planned to have a Nova shopping service, in which goods are sold on-air by the station.

There is a reasonable-sized feature about the station in the December issue of "What Satellite".

The kids' TV series Captain Power, banned by the BBC and IBA because of associated merchandise (the interactive game console), is now being shown by WHS Lifestyle on the Astra satellite.

Radio Britannia

Frequency: 100.7
TX Site: Barnsley
Format: Rock
Remarks: Were on around 101.5 on Wednesday 7/11/1990, from 1925 to 2035.

Diamond Radio

Frequency: 102.0
TX Site: Sheffield
Format: West Indian
Remarks: Came on-air early in month for a brief period, then disappeared. Returned on Monday 17/12/1990, with test transmissions. TX suffers drift problems. Missing for a time from afternoon of Friday 21/12, to return the following morning.

Rebel Radio

Frequency: 105.2
TX Site: Rothamham
Broadcast times: Mondays 2000-2200
Format: Pop
Remarks: Made a 15 minute broadcast on Monday 22/10 to announce that the station was closing for a month due to the CID (?) being after the operator, Scooter Jones.

Sheffield Community Radio

Frequency: 101.5
TX Site: Sheffield
Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day
Format: West Indian.
Phone: 0831 298 520 (advertising hotline)
Remarks: Took a DTI studio raid on Saturday 3/11/1990 at 1030. Returned morning of Thursday 8/11/1990 - music noted at 0730. Advert noted on station on 11/11/1990 stating that DJ's from SCR, PCRL (Birmingham), Jive FM (Huddersfield) and SLR (London) will be appearing at the Silver Sands night club in Huddersfield on 16/11/1990. Admission will be £5. Were off-air Sat 17/11 and Sunday 18/11 - not believed to be due to DTI. Missing for a time from the evening of Saturday 23/12.

Bassamer Broadcasting continue their tests on 1413 from Sheffield, almost daily.

West Yorkshire Free Radio Update

All Asia Radio

Frequency: 100.5

TX Site: Leeds

Format: Asian

Broadcast times: Daily

Remarks: Raided by DTI on Sunday 4/11/1990.

Apne Avaz

Frequency: 101.0

TX Site: Leeds

Format: Asian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Asian Air

Frequency: 94.6

TX Site: Bradford

Format: Asian

Broadcast times: Daily

Remarks: Took a DTI raid on Saturday 3/11 at 1400.

Asian Paradise Radio

Frequency: 105.5

TX Site: Bradford

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Format: Asian

Remarks: Had left the air on Saturday 3/11/1990 by 1430, as a precautionary measure against a DTI raid. Returned that evening after moving location. Were raided by DTI on Sunday 4/11/1990.

Curfew FM

Frequency: 99.7

TX Site: Huddersfield

Format: West Indian

Remarks: Took a DTI raid on Sunday 4/11/1990.

Eastern Community Radio

Frequency: 104.5

TX Site: Bradford

Format: Asian

Broadcast times: Daily

Remarks: Have not been heard since 22/10/1990.

Emergency FM

Frequency: 99.7

TX Site: Bradford

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: Daily

Phone: 0836 799 386

Remarks: Took a DTI raid on Saturday 3/11/1990 at 1400.

Also understood to have been raided during the 3rd week of November 1990.

Impulse FM

Frequency: 100.6

TX Site: Merfield

Address: 14 Swale Dale House,

Dale Close,

Batley Carr,

Batley,

West Yorkshire WF17 7LG.

Remarks: DJs on station include Wayne Andrews, John Hammond & Keith Merika.

On evening of 4/11/1990, were heard to discuss the old days of free radio in Yorkshire and the North Midlands. Mentioned Radio Namasis, which used to broadcast on around 105.5 to the Clowne area during the summer of 1997.

Jive FM

Frequency: 102.0

TX Site: Huddersfield

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Remarks: Took a DTI raid on Saturday 3/11/1990 at 1100.

KLFM (Kids Love Funky Music)

Frequency: 100.7

TX Site: York

Broadcast times: 1900-2400 Monday-Friday

Morning-0100 Saturday, Sunday.

Laser Radio

Frequency: 100.6

Remarks: Heard in Chesterfield area on night of Sunday 16/12/1990.

Believed to be from West Yorkshire area.

Paradise City Radio

Frequency: 104.9

TX Site: Bradford

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Remarks: Understood to have been raided during the 3rd week of November.

Rapid FM

Frequency: 105.2

TX Site: Leeds

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: Daily

Phone: 0860 890 744

Remarks: Missing from evening of Wednesday 31/10/1990 - switched off due to other commitments.

Rock Solid FM

Frequency: 100.2

TX Site: Bradford

Format: Rock

Broadcast times: Wednesdays 1800-2400

Sundays 1600-2400

Remarks: Nearly raided on Sunday 4/11/1990: Skoda & Ford Granada seen near studio. Person in one of cars with tracker seen getting out of car and walking towards studio. Operator switches everything off, grabs TX and jumps out of 1st floor bedroom window. Escapes with TX across gardend, losing trousers in process!

Sangam Radio

Frequency: 101.4

TX Site: Leeds

Format: Asian

Broadcast times: Daily

Remarks: Have not been heard since 23/10/1990 - believed to be looking for new premises for their TX site.

WYBC

Frequency: 105.7 stereo

TX Site: Leeds

Format: West Indian

Broadcast times: 24 hour 7 day

Radio Remair

Frequency: 100.7 FM

TX Site: Bradford University

Remarks: Test transmissions noted on Tuesday 2/10/1990.

Made a special event broadcast to coincide with Welcome Week at Bradford University from 3/10/1990 to 9/10/1990.

Are understood to have used 1575 MW last year for Welcome Week, using equipment from Sheffield's Bessemer Broadcasting.

Broadcast from 1400 on Sunday 18/11 to 1700 on Sunday 25/11, to coincide with Children In Need.

Were on-air during 3rd week of December 1990 (ending 16th) to celebrate their 10th birthday.

A UNID signal has been noted on 100.2 in Bradford in late November. Possibly to do with Rock Solid FM.

Adverts

Pirate Chat magazine available for £1.25 per issue from following address:
21 Green Park, Bath, Avon, BA1 1HZ.

Original jingles for sale, £1 each (incl. P&P):

Radio Nemesis International, Rockin' The Planet with Laser Blast.

Al Capone, Gangster Of The Rare Groove, with Thunderclap.

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